States and Union Territories are required to develop a dedicated mechanism for Public Grievance Redressal, which should be widely publicized and made easily accessible.

Board for madarsas

3334 SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is not pursuing formation of Board for Muslim madarsas;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what Government thinks in public interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The proposal in regard to establishing a Central Madrasa Board, through an Act of Parliament, for standardizing the education in modern subjects of Science, Maths, etc. which are non-theological, was proposed in a report of a National Conference organized by the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (NCMEI). Since it is not a proposal initiated by the Government, any decision in this regard shall be taken only in the event of there being consensus among all stakeholders.

150th Anniversary of Shri Rabindranath Tagore

3335. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UNESCO proposes to celebrate 150th anniversary of Shri Rabindranath Tagore at an international scale next year;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the contribution Government proposes to make for this event?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. At the initiative of UNESCO, and with the encouragement of UNESCO Member States, the UNESCO General Conference has decided that the 150th anniversary of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore will be commemorated at UNESCO and within India. In consultation with Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Human Resource Development and UNESCO an appropriate event will be held at UNESCO to commemorate this great event which had also been commemorated earlier in 1961.

Task force for proposed NCHER and evolving national testing scheme

3336. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has recently set up a task force for the proposed National Commission for Higher Education and Research (NCHER) and to evolve a national testing scheme for college admissions; and